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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Michael Matwijewytsch KORZAN and Anna Yarosleva
KORZAN nee KERUS

1. It is requested that approval be granted for the entry into the United States, for permanent future residence, of Michael Matwijewytsch KORZAN and his wife, Anna Yarosleva KORZAN nee KERUS, under the authority of Section 8, Public Law 110. KORZAN and his wife have completed processing for entry into the United States as displaced persons. Their visas will expire on 3 August 1962. If we do not have the authority to assure Subjects that they may enter the United States at a later date, they will use their DP visas to emigrate at this time. Should KORZAN thus emigrate and then return to Germany in our behalf, his value to us will be lost, since it would be difficult for him to devise an excuse convincing enough to prevent the emigre milieu in Germany from deducing that he has American connections.

2. The request for approval is based on these further considerations:

A. Services to date: KORZAN is a former chief of the counter-intelligence section of the Security Service (SB) of the BANDERA faction of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN/B or ZGOUN). He has supplied the American Intelligence Service with counter-intelligence/counter-espionage information, as well as positive intelligence on overt and covert activities of Ukrainian, Polish and German political, social, welfare and para-military emigre groups in Germany and in other countries of Western Europe.

B. Future services: If he remains in Europe, Subject will continue to provide this Agency with (1) counter-intelligence/counter-espionage information on the groups mentioned in paragraph 2, (2) name traces, character studies, etc., concerning former Iron Curtain personalities in Western Europe, (3) counter-intelligence/counter-espionage as well as positive intelligence coverage of a Yugoslav

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Intelligence network established recently in Germany,
(A) background and counter-intelligence/counter-espionage
data on the Russian Orthodox Church abroad.

3. A detailed justification for KIRKAN's entry into the United States, together with biographic data on him and his wife, are demanded.

1000 hours 12 June
for

~~RICHARD HELMS~~
~~Acting Assistant Director~~
~~Special Operations~~
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Attachment "A"

Justification

1. It is necessary for KORZAN to continue his residence in Germany in order that his connections with American Intelligence Service will not be compromised. KORZAN's willingness to continue his employment with this Agency is predicated on our assurance that he will eventually enter the United States after the expiration of the visa which he presently possesses. Should he permit his visa to expire, he will have to re-register under another quota, which would unduly prolong his residence in Germany. Should KORZAN emigrate to the United States on his present visa, and then return to Germany after establishing legal residence in the United States, his value to this Agency would be lost, since it would be difficult for him to devise an excuse convincing enough to prevent the emigre milieu in Germany from deducing that he has American connections.
2. KORZAN, a former member of the Security Service (SB) of the SAMOVAR faction of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN/B or ZGhOUN), is retained by the SR Division of the Office of Special Operations, as a counter-intelligence/counter-espionage reporter of activities of emigre organizations and on operations directed against the USSR.
3. KORZAN, the oldest active and reliable informant in the SR Division Ukrainian project, has furnished primarily counter-intelligence/counter-espionage information on Ukrainian, Polish and German political, cultural, social, welfare and para-military emigre groups in Germany and in other countries of Western Europe. Among other services rendered to the American Intelligence Service by Subject, the following deserve particular mention:
 - A. During KORZAN's initial contacts with the American Intelligence Service in 1947, he was chief of the counter-intelligence section of the SB of the OUN/B in Germany and supplied this Agency with information, taken from the SB files, on the Soviet Intelligence Service.
 - B. He served as an unwitting security check on the Foreign Representation of the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council (ZPSHVR), an emigre organization with which this Agency negotiated to recruit personnel for missions directed against the USSR.

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C. He furnished information to this Agency with pertinent and detailed biographical and background data on other Ukrainian emigre organizations, which approached this Agency for support claiming (1) contacts in the USSR and (2) to be able to carry out missions into the USSR. The information given by Subject enabled us to label the organizations and their leaders as frauds.

D. KORZAN, while employed by the German Intelligence Service, supplied this Agency with copies of counter-intelligence reports made for the GIS. Most of the leads he furnished on suspect foreign agents were turned over to CIC.

E. Subject, in November 1969, was the only suitable person to act as a Case Officer's interpreter when the latter debriefed three OUE/B couriers who had returned from the Ukraine.

4. KORZAN has been a most valuable independent political reporter since the inception of his career with this Agency. This fact is explained by his wide acquaintanceship with Ukrainian and Polish personalities of many political views in Germany and the fact that he has no binding ties with any particular emigre group. Since August 1948, when he resigned from the SB of the OUE/B, he has maintained his contacts with members of the SB who have remained faithful to the OUE/B. The latter are under the impression that KORZAN has no work in addition to his overt employment as a priest and they talk openly with him. As a result of these contacts, KORZAN has tendered information on the machinations of the OUE/B, vis-a-vis its controversy with the ZPNVR (its rival for leadership in the emigration), with whom the American Intelligence Service is in direct operational contact.

5. KORZAN is proving his talents and special abilities which are of value to other operations by having penetrated a Yugoslav Intelligence network recently established in Munich. His services in this network as a processor insures this Agency's access to a maximum number of reports produced by this network.

6. During the five-odd years that KORZAN has been connected with the American Intelligence Service, he has never given us any reason to question his security or reliability. The reliability and value of his reports are already well-established and have been confirmed independently. With the increased activity in the exploitation of our Ukrainian assets during the past year, KORZAN has become an essential part of the project. Perhaps the best indication of his security is the confidence which the OUE/B imparts to him.

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7. If MURKIN remains in Europe, he will continue to provide this Agency with (a) counter-intelligence/counter-espionage information on the groups mentioned in paragraph 3, (b) name traces, character studies, etc., concerning former Iron Curtain personalities in Western Europe, (c) counter-intelligence/counter-espionage as well as positive intelligence coverage of a Yugoslav intelligence network established recently in Germany, (d) background and counter-intelligence/counter-espionage data on the Russian Orthodox Church abroad.

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Biographic Data

1. Subject, born 11 November 1912, in Zakormarie, Western Ukraine, became a member of the Ukrainian Military Organization (UVO) in 1928, and upon recognition of the latter group, entered into the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) in 1929. He became an instructor of an illegal underground youth section of the OUN in January 1934, and upon arrest of many of the leaders of the OUN homeland executive committee in November 1934, Subject was given duties as Organizational Referent. In 1935, he became publisher of a nationalistic, anti-Bolshevik newspaper of the OUN and was arrested by the Polish government in September 1935 and imprisoned for three months. He was again arrested in July 1937 by the Polish government and was released in September 1939 upon outbreak of the German-Polish war.
2. Upon direction of OUN officials, Subject agreed, in November 1939, to become a member of the German counter-intelligence service. Until April 1945, Subject served, on a regular and part-time basis, with various sections of the German Intelligence Service and was awarded several decorations for his successes in counter-intelligence operations directed against the USSR.
3. Subject, who had earlier studied at a theological school, was ordained during the latter part of 1944. From September 1945 to April 1947, he was employed as an instructor in a private Ukrainian gymnasium at Salzburg, teaching courses in the Bible and in Latin, and also served as representative of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN) in Salzburg and the Tyrol. Since April 1947, Subject has been residing in Munich, where he has held the post of Chancellor of the Holy Autocephalic Church of Poland in Germany. He was chief of the Security Service (SS) of the Foreign Section of the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists led by Stefan BANDERA (ZGOUW or OUN/B) until August 1948 when he left this organization.
4. Subject's father died in a Russian prison camp at Tashkent, in 1916. His mother died in 1945, in Zakormarie. One of Subject's brothers was executed by the Soviets in Lvov, in 1940. Another brother joined the Ukrainian Resistance Army (UPA) in 1941 and has not been heard from since. Subject has two cousins, both resident in the United States and United States citizens.

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5. Subject was married on 21 January 1944, in Grodno, Poland, to Irena Yaroslava BIRUS, the latter born 26 June 1913, Pischereide, Austria. She was Austrian by birth, subsequently Polish and presently claims Ukrainian nationality.

6. Subject has written the following articles to date, all of which have been devoted to religious, educational or historical themes:

May 1946: "Saint George, Patron of Ukrainian Youth", published in Nashі Dni (Our Days), a Ukrainian weekly in Europe.

September 1946: "On the Eve of a New School Year", published in Nashі Dni.

February 1947: "The Genesis and History of the YMCA-YWCA", published in the Hlas, (Voice), a Ukrainian weekly in Salzburg.

1951: "The Structure of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church", published in Volume #3, of the Encyclopediya Ukrainskoy Svitosti, (Encyclopedia of Ukrainian Knowledge).

7. Physical Description:

Age -
Apparent Age - 35
Height - 165 cm.

Eyes - gray
Face shape - oval
Complexion - ruddy
General appearance - very good

Posture - good
Weight - 75 kilos
Teeth - good (many gold fillings)

Hair - brown
Scars - none
Build - medium

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